

## MANY PERISH FROM COLD IN EAST

### CLAIMS SLAIN GIRL WAS NOT HAPPY AT HOME

Witness in Kirkland High School Girl Murder Gives New Information.

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—Philip Heiser testified yesterday afternoon at the coroner's inquest that Letitia Whitehall, slain Kirkland High School girl, told him "she would be happy when she was in a hearse."

Heiser said he was afraid for months something would happen to her.

When Prosecuting Attorney Meacham asked him why he said he preferred to tell him in private, Heiser testified that Letitia was "very much cut up" over her father's treatment of her 17-year-old brother.

"She told me," said Heiser, "if her father ever touched her she would leave home and it would not do them any good to look for her."

James L. Gerald testified that he saw a car parked on the bridge over the slough on the night Letitia disappeared. He saw a man leaning over the railing as if looking at the water. He saw a woman inside the car, asleep or intoxicated.

After a conference with Prosecuting Attorney E. D. Colvin, Mrs. Mabel Whitehall, said: "I know what they are driving at but they are on the wrong track. I cannot account for every minute of my husband's time on the night Letty disappeared."

Coroner Corson said this afternoon the inquest had failed to bring results.

Prosecuting Attorney Colvin said he would interview all witnesses who have appeared before the coroner's jury.

### \$120,000 FIRE NEAR SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—Fire early this morning destroyed property valued at \$120,000 at Bothell. The fire started from an explosion of gasoline and dynamite and the explosion shattered windows for a radius of nearly a mile.

The Todd Dry Docks warehouse and Ericson Mercantile warehouse were destroyed. The tools and shed were valued at \$75,000 and the three docks were valued at \$20,000,000 but they were only damaged.

The liner K. I. Luckenbach, four whalers and the wooden motorship Calamba escaped damage.

A Seattle fire brigade was sent to Bothell and the firemen rescued seven persons trapped when the fire started in a store over which a family lived, and which was destroyed.

### "44" Dinner Arranged In Honor of Frohman

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Forty-four will be the signal number at the dinner to be given here December 19 to Daniel Frohman in celebration of his 44 years as an officer of the Actors' Fund of America. It is planned to have 44 "prominent and preeminent" actors and actresses at one table, each to represent a year of service, and 44 child artists at another table.

Prominent stage and screen folk and personages outside of the profession, including governors of several states, have notified Frohman that they will attend, and contribute \$1,000.44 a plate toward the charity fund for the aged, sick and disabled people of the theatre.

### GUN CONTROL TRAPS AIRPLANES IN TEST

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 7.—A new fire control instrument for the operation of anti-aircraft guns, recently perfected by the Navy Department, has proven "highly satisfactory" in its first service tests made aboard the U. S. S. Maryland, naval experts revealed today.

The device, which transmits electrically all firing data to the anti-aircraft batteries, is said to direct shell fire with such accuracy as to intersect the path of a flying plane and indicate the fuse setting that will explode the shell at the moment it reaches the point of intersection.

Hannibal Ford, American inventor, and naval experts from the Bureau of Ordnance have been working success-

### President's Message Is Well Received, Congress

#### Stanley Joyce Marries Again



Stanley Joyce, of Chicago, who was the—let's see—ah, yes,—third husband of Peggy Etc. Morner, is shown with his new bride, the former Mrs. R. N. Vail, of New York. (International Newswire)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual message of President Coolidge was transmitted to Congress this afternoon at a joint session of the Senate and House.

When the message was received in full, the Republicans of the House applauded the tribute to protective tariff and the Democrats were silent.

Both houses were interested in the mention of the Treasury surplus.

The Republicans clapped their hands over the tax credit proposal.

The Senate was to proceed with the resolution questioning the qualifications of Senator-elect Gould from Maine, whose seating was held up yesterday by Senator Walsh, of Montana.

The resolution of Senator Walsh quotes the New Brunswick Judges, in a formal opinion on the pending \$100,000 bribery of the Gould interests to Provincial officials, Gould represents this payment as practically forced from him, but the opinion says "we are not so sure about this."

Senator Walsh said: "I think he was only too ready to purchase advantage by making a payment of such nature, but indeed I see no reason why he should have paid it as he could have placed the most trusted public man in the Province under his control."

The Gould investigation went before the Senate with prospects of speedy action.

**Adopt Resolution**

With approval of Gould the Senate, by a vote of 70 to 7, adopted Walsh's resolution for an investigation.

Many said that Walsh's resolution was an attempt to set a precedent to be used in exclusive expenditure charges against Vire of Pennsylvania and Smith of Illinois.

Senator Walsh contended after the adoption of the resolution that Gould could be ejected by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote.

**Other Issues**

Senator Edwards, of New Jersey, declared that after Christmas he would recall the resolution for a national liquor referendum.

Senator Trammell, of Florida, made good his threat to introduce a resolution for the repeal of the ratification of the World Court protocol. Trammell voted for ratification last session but as the Powers have not accepted the reservations, the United States should withdraw the offer.

The House adjourned as a tribute to the late Joseph Cannon.

### Steamer Runs Out of Fuel; Burning Woodwork

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Dec. 7.—The Halifax wrecking tug has been dispatched to the steamer Hillcroft which is 40 miles off Cape Spear, with coal exhausted and woodwork torn up and burned.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 7.—Dr. T. D. Ray, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced the Treasurer's books are \$92,000 short. He said George N. Sanders, of Richmond, confessed guilt.

**Shop Early**

ONLY 15

More Shopping Days Before Christmas

### SUGGEST NEW WAY, OBSERVE HOLIDAY TIME

Ministerial Association of Portland Outlines Yule Tide Observance.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—The Portland Ministerial Association has adopted a resolution urging a simpler form of observance of Christmas, declaring that Christmas has become burdensome, tiresome and unwelcome other than a joyous and inspiring because of the practice of gift giving. The resolution asserted the holiday has "been allowed to become the object of intensive commercialism by forces that disregard the religious purpose and made it a time for trade bargaining and selling. We call upon the Christian people to disregard the insistent call of commercial interests and observe the day in the spirit of reverent worship."

### Blind Man Accuses Other of Stealing His Wife, Also Blind

MARION, Ill., Dec. 7.—Love is blind, but when the eternal triangle appears, and one blind man steals the blind wife of another, the husband can see what he is up against. At least this is the attitude of Berry Wheeler, who has asked for a warrant for the arrest of Clarence Rader on the charge of making love to Mrs. Wheeler. All of the principals are blind.

Rader agreed to furnish room and board for the Wheelers, who have a child. Rader and Wheeler quarreled, and Rader, it is charged, forced Wheeler to leave the premises, but permitted Mrs. Wheeler and the child to remain. Wheeler charges this was part of a plot to steal his wife. Magistrate Long mulled over the situation which finally solved itself when Mrs. Wheeler agreed to quit the Rader home and accompany her husband to Chicago.

At the London dairy show experts said that milking the cows morning, noon and night increased their production.

### Men and Women in the News



MRS. WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT



CHARLENE MEREDITH



HENRIK SHIPSTEAD



CLARENCE C. DILL

Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt planned a Paris divorce. Charlene Meredith incorporated herself and sold shares before she attempted to break into the movies in Los Angeles. Equality of strength between Republicans and Democrats in the new Congress was expected to give Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite, balance of power. Senator C. C. Dill planned to introduce a bill providing Federal control of radio.

### Chaplin's Wife Turns Down Stage Offer

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—Lita Grey, wife of Charles Chaplin, has refused an offer of \$2,500 a week for appearance in a London theatrical revue. "My first duty will always be to my babies," said Mrs. Chaplin. "I am not at all interested in the offer."

### GOOD PROGRESS IS REPORTED BY U. S. FISHERIES

Commissioner O'Malley Says Effectiveness of Work Is Being Shown.

Unusual interest has been shown in the development of the science of aquaculture; in the conduct of fisheries investigations as the basis for proper legislation and control; in expanding the present scale of fish propagation for stocking waters; in providing for annual inventories of the fisheries to reveal their trend, and the need for further protection or expansion; in the conduct of technological investigations to effect additional improvement in the use of merchandising of fishery products; in insuring the perpetuity of the Alaskan salmon fisheries; and in solving fisheries problems international in character. Commissioner of Fisheries Henry O'Malley says in his annual report.

The regulations promulgated under the law of June 6, 1924, governing the fisheries of Alaska are proving beneficial and are being complied with in a better spirit with the result that the Alaska salmon fisheries are in a healthy condition. "There has been an increase of 1,700,000 cases in the Alaska pack of salmon as compared with 1925, the pack of pink salmon (which matures in two years) being the largest in the history of the industry."

**Fur Seal Increasing**  
The fur-seal herd of the Pribilof Islands is steadily increasing in numbers, now being in excess of 700,000 animals as compared with 130,000, in

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### 16 REPORTED DEAD IN EAST EXTREME COLD

Record Breaking Cold Season Paralyzes Traffic by Land and Sea.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Northwestern States and Eastern Canada report sixteen persons dead from the record breaking early season cold and snow.

Ice threatened to tie-up river and lake shipping for the winter. Cities spent thousands of dollars clearing away the snow.

Automobile and railroad traffic is becoming normal today.

Fourteen steamers are still ice-bound in Sault Ste. Marie.

Seven steamers were wrecked off Nova Scotia and fishing and barge fleets crippled.

Ice blocked the Lockport-New York Canal gates and 26 vessels were frozen in at Whitehall, N. Y., southbound from Lake Champlain and 49 are tied up at Port Bangor, Maine, and the port officially closed.

The three-masted schooner Emile F. Bortham lay broadside on Cranberry Isle after smashing through a 22-foot fishing craft as Islesford, Maine.

### DOHENY-FALL TRIAL HALTED

One of Principals Compelled to Remain Away from Court Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Admiral Robison, testifying late yesterday in the Doheny-Fall oil scandal case, said he knew nothing about the \$100,000 alleged to have been loaned to the former Secretary of the Interior by the oil magnate.

The Admiral was asked: "Well, if you had known about that loan, your conduct in behalf of the Navy might have been different?"

Admiral Robison replied: "Yes, I think if I had known everything, I might have acted differently," but "exactly" and he turned to the next subject.

Doheny's condition is worse today and the trial adjourned until he returns to the court room. His left arm was lanced for the second time last night.

### Commander Noble in Chicago; Has Black Eye

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Commander Noble, of the dirigible Norge, on the Arctic flight, arrived here last night from New York, with a black eye. He said he fell out of a hotel bed and struck his eye on a chair.

### Pinkerton Nominated Fairbanks Postmaster

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Coolidge has nominated Wilkie T. Pinkerton to be Postmaster at Fairbanks, Alaska.

### SEWING TROUSERS IN FRENCH PRISON, HARD LABOR TASK OF DOTY

ALBERTVILLE, Savoy, France, Dec. 7.—Hopful that his deserter's sentence of eight years in the gloom of a French military prison will be terminated before it runs its course, Bennett J. Doty of Biloxi, Miss., who was "Gilbert Clare" of the Foreign Legion, remains cheerful and seemingly courageous.

Two "worries" were confessed to a correspondent of The Associated Press. His fingers are too slow in sewing army trousers, the "hard labor," to which he was sentenced, and he's afraid the folks back home will think cowardice, instead of homesickness, prompted his flight from warfare in the arid Syrian desert.

**Is a Model Prisoner**  
Doty was sentenced by a French court martial at Damascus on Aug-

ust 16 last to the military penitentiary here for his attempt to leave the French Foreign Legion when serving on the soil of an alien land. There, under the name of Gilbert Clare, of Memphis, Tenn., he had fought the Druse rebels in the campaign before Souaida and the mountains of the Houran.

Perched high in the Alps, in the shadow of Mont Blanc, the military penitentiary of Albertville, overlooking a beautiful valley surrounded by snow capped peaks, has a forbidding and gloomy aspect.

"Clare is a model prisoner," said Captain Besancon, commandant of the institution. "His army record is splendid and he is a fine boy."

A little thinner and somewhat

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